

2nd CROSSROADS CO-PRODUCTION FORUM- CALL FOR ENTRIES

The **2nd Crossroads Co-production Forum** will take place from November 23rd until the 25th, within the context of the 47th Thessaloniki International Film Festival (November 17-26, 2006).

Crossroads was successfully launched in Thessaloniki last year, bringing together a selection of projects with a group of renowned experts and buyers. A total of 27 projects were selected from a surprisingly large number of applications. The producers who attended with a project had the opportunity to meet, formally and informally with a group of 50 partners from Europe and the US. During the 3-day event Mediterranean and Balkan producers were offered the chance to meet a new network of financiers, co-producers and leading industry professionals.

Crossroads presented a series of briefing sessions and round table discussions, focusing on current issues in film production, with the participation of leading industry experts, such as **Peter Garde** from **Zentropa Production**, **Renate Roginas**, **Jane Wright** from **BBC Films**, **Meinolf Zurhorst** from **ZDF**, as well as pitching training sessions, pitching and individual meetings between the participants and the experts. A total of 250 individual meetings took place, a number that underlines the success of the event in creating an atmosphere of collaboration among the producers and the partners. The involvement of producers from the Mediterranean and the Balkans ensured the programme's natural warmth.

Crossroads' goal is to support the producers of feature-length fiction film projects that contain a link to the Mediterranean and Balkan region. In order to qualify for **Crossroads**, projects should have a producer attached and an already developed script, in English or French. They can be in all stages of production. Projects are required to contain a link to the Mediterranean or the Balkans. They should either be produced or co-produced by a Mediterranean/Balkan country or contain relevant elements in the story.

The deadline for submitting projects to the **2nd Crossroads Co-production Forum** is **August 11th**. For information on the application procedure and the requirements, please contact crossroads@filmfestival.gr.

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